

MINUTES
SANDY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Sandy City Hall - Council Chamber Room #211
10000 Centennial Parkway
Sandy, Utah 84070

January 6, 2009

Meeting was commenced at 7:05 p.m. [:06:07 PM](#)

PRESENT:

Council Members: Chairman Scott Cowdell, Vice Chairman Steve Smith, Bryant Anderson, Steve Fairbanks, Chris McCandless, Linda Martinez Saville, and Dennis Tenney

Mayor: Tom Dolan

Others in Attendance: CAO Byron Jorgenson; City Attorney Walter Miller; Community Development Director Mike Coulam; Public Works Director Rick Smith; Deputy to the Mayor John Hiskey; Communications Manager Trina Duerksen; City Engineer Mike Glandbach; Planning Director James Sorensen; Council Office Director Phil Glenn; Council Executive Secretary Wendy Densley

ABSENT/EXCUSED:

1. **OPENING REMARKS/PRAYER/PLEDGE:**

The Prayer was offered by Boy Scout John Edwards of Troop #353, and the Pledge was led by Zach Ashton , also of Troop #353.

2. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

a. **Alta High School Girls Soccer** [:12:04 PM](#)

Mayor Dolan and Chairman Stephen Smith presented commendations to the Alta High School Girls Soccer Team and Coaches for their outstanding season and their State Championship win.

b. **Tanner Godfrey** [:09:32 PM](#)

Mayor Dolan and Chairman Smith presented a commendation to Tanner Godfrey, a Sandy resident who was in a motocross accident severely injuring his spine and who was told he would never walk again. After many months of physical therapy he has regained movement in his legs and is able to walk with a walker. He was commended for his courage and example to others.

3. **CITIZEN(S) COMMENTS:**

a. There were no comments.

Public Hearing(s):

4. **Jessop Annexation** [7:15:39 PM](#)

Public Hearing to consider the annexation of property located at approximately 10521 South Dimple Dell Road. The area under consideration for annexation includes two parcels comprising approximately 1.54 acres. The applicant is proposing to annex this property to the City and is requesting the R-1-40A Zone (single family residential on a minimum of 40,000 square foot lots with animal rights). The intent of the request is to accommodate a proposed subdivision on the property, which would create one new dwelling that the applicants will live in. The subdivision is currently being approved by Salt Lake County. The new lot is proposed to be accessed from Dimple Dell Road.

Discussion:

James Sorensen reviewed with the council the Jessop Annexation at 10521 South Dimple Dell Road.

BACKGROUND

Mr. and Mrs. Jessop, are requesting annexation for property located at 10521 South Dimple Dell Road. The area under consideration for annexation includes two parcels comprising approximately 1.54 acres. The applicant is proposing to annex this property to the City and is requesting the R-1-40A Zone (single family residential on a minimum of 40,000 square foot lots with animal rights). The intent of the request is to accommodate a proposed subdivision on the property, which would create one new dwelling that the applicants will live in. The subdivision is currently being approved by Salt Lake County. The new lot is proposed to be accessed from Dimple Dell Road.

The subject property is bordered on the west, and south by Salt Lake County, on the north and east by the Seven Springs Subdivision in Sandy City.

ANALYSIS

The annexation is being considered by the City for the following reasons:

1. The area is contiguous to the Sandy City boundary (north and east).
2. The property is located within an area designated in the Sandy City General Plan for incorporation.
3. The City is presently providing culinary water service and fire service to this area.
4. The City can provide a high level of other municipal services to this property.

General Plan

Portions of the Sandy City General Plan which relate to this application are as follows:

p.43 Recognize that economics alone is not sufficient reason to alter established neighborhoods. Human and environmental impacts also should be recognized.

p.44 Require proposed zoning changes to be in harmony with established neighborhoods.

Zoning

The subject property is currently zoned R-1-43 in Salt Lake County. This zone allows single family dwellings on minimum 43,560 square foot lots with animal rights. Currently in Salt Lake County four horses are allowed per half acre.

The existing City zoning in the area includes R-1-40A to the north and east, and to the west and south are larger lot parcels in Salt Lake County. The requested zoning for the subject property is R-1-40A. The development of the one lot subdivision will be subject to the City Council review and adoption of the annexation request.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Jessop Annexation be approved and zoned R-1-40A based upon

the following findings:

1. The area is contiguous to the Sandy City boundary (north and east).
2. The property is located within an area designated in the Sandy City General Plan for incorporation.
3. The City is presently providing culinary water service and fire service to this area.
4. The City can provide a high level of other municipal services to this property.
5. R-1-40A Zone is appropriate for the property based upon surrounding zoning and land uses.

Chairman Smith opened the public hearing. There were no comments, the chairman closed the hearing.

Chris McCandless asked about the house to the West of the proposed annexation. He asked if the intention of the owner was known.

James Sorensen said that the owner of the adjacent land is Mr. Westbrook, who has filed for annexation and will be coming to the Planning Commission in February. He is planning to demolish the existing structure and leave the property vacant at present.

Motion: Dennis Tenney made a motion to approve the annexation of the Jessop property as recommended by Planning Commission and staff with the R-1-40A Zone.

Second: Chris McCandless

Vote: Anderson- Yes, Tenney- Yes, McCandless-Yes, Saville- Yes, Fairbanks- Yes, Cowdell-Yes, Smith- Yes.

Motion Approve: All members voted in favor.

Council Item(s):

5. **Consideration/Decision Funds Transfer: Avalanche Forecast Center Services [\$2,000]**
Resolution #09-01C – transferring funds within the General Fund. :21:03 PM

Discussion:

Chris McCandless said that since the Council's discussion in December, there have been several avalanche fatalities in Utah. He stressed how passionate he feels about this issue.

Motion: Chris McCandless made a motion to approve Resolution #09-01C transferring funds within the General Fund, \$2,000 for the Avalanche Forecast Center Services.

Discussion on the Motion:

Scott Cowdell said that he disagrees with giving funding to the Avalanche Forecast Center. He feels that there are other needs that the city could be addressing. He suggested that more money be put towards CDBG needs to help with housing issues and physical needs of the citizens.

Chris McCandless reported that this funding would help the Avalanche Forecast Center to continue educating students about avalanche safety.

Dennis Tenney agrees with both Mr. McCandless and Mr. Cowdell's comments. He suggested finding a way to have an emergency fund for housing or home services that could be legally justified.

Steve Fairbanks said that the City has looked into a Housing Authority, there are only so many dollars available, and if the City created their own authority it would increase the amount of overhead and diminish that money available for programming.

Second: Dennis Tenney

Vote: Anderson- Yes, Tenney- Yes, Cowdell-No, McCandless-Yes, Saville- Yes, Fairbanks- Yes, Smith- No.

Motion Approved: 5 members in favor, 2 members opposed.

Linda Martinez-Saville said that she voted no previously on this, and then she started thinking of the kids and the citizens who are not educated on avalanche safety; she feels that this funding is going to an important need.

6. **Condemnation of Property: IHC Hospitals, Inc. for 1300 East Corridor Project** [7:32:15 PM](#)
Resolution #09-03C – authorizing the condemnation of real property owned by IHC Health Services, Inc. (formally known as IHC Hospitals, Inc.) for the 1300 East Corridor Improvement Project.

Discussion:

Mike Gladbach, City Engineer, reported that in the past few months the City Council has approved 30 possible condemnations, and of those 30, 25 have been resolved prior to actual condemnation, of the 5 remaining 3 should resolve within the next week. He said that this has been a long process with IHC. There has been a lot of back and forth checking of documents and related material. The proposed site for condemnation for the 1300 East Corridor Project is located at 9660 South and 1300 East.

Motion: Chris McCandless made a motion to approve Resolution #09-03C authorizing the condemnation of real property owned by IHC Health Services, Inc. (formally known as IHC Hospitals, Inc.) for the 1300 East Corridor Improvement Project.

Second: Bryant Anderson

Vote: Cowdell-Yes, Anderson- Yes, McCandless-Yes, Tenney- Yes, Saville- Yes, Fairbanks- Yes, Smith- Yes.

Motion approved: All members voted in favor.

7. **Condemnation of Property: Harold Dee Bearden Living Trust** [7:37:30 PM](#)
Resolution #09-02C – authorizing the condemnation of real property owned by Harold Dee Bearden Living Trust for the 1300 East Corridor Improvement Project.

Discussion:

Mike Gladbach, City Engineer, reviewed the condemnation of property located at 8615 South and 1300 East.

Motion: Steve Fairbanks made a motion to approve resolution #09-02C authorizing the condemnation of real property owned by Harold Dee Bearden Living Trust for the 1300 East Corridor Improvement Project.

Second: Chris McCandless

Vote: Anderson – Yes, Cowdell – Yes, Tenney – Yes, McCandless – Yes, Saville – Yes, Fairbanks – Yes, Smith – Yes.

Motion approved: All members voted in favor.

8. **Council Travel Policy, Approval** [7:39:59 PM](#)

Discussion:

Phil Glenn, Council Office Director, passed out to the Council an amended Policy document, with a change made to clarify the amounts budgeted for 2009, an allowable budget per council member and an annotation clarifying that the budget is subject to revision in succeeding budget years.

Motion: Dennis Tenney made a motion to approve the Council Travel Policy as amended and presented by Phil Glenn.

Second: Chris McCandless

Vote: Tenney – Yes, Anderson – Yes, McCandless – Yes, Saville – Yes, Cowdell – Yes, Fairbanks – Yes, Smith – Yes.

Motion Approved: All members voted in favor.

MINUTES:

9. Approve the November 25, 2008 and the December 9, 2008 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Chris McCandless made a motion to approve the November 25, 2008 and the December 9, 2008 City Council Minutes.

Second: Dennis Tenney

Vote: Cowdell-Yes, Saville- Yes, Anderson- Yes, Tenney- Yes, McCandless-Yes, Fairbanks- Yes, Smith- Yes.

Motion Approved: All members voted in favor.

10. **MAYOR'S REPORT 7:42:14 PM**

- a. **Mayor Dolan** reported that the City has received the most recent Dan Jones preliminary report. The Dan Jones Survey gives the City a guideline of how the residents feel about happenings in the City.
- b. He reported that Hobby Lobby has submitted the applications for their new building in Sandy's Quarry Bend development.

11. **CAO'S REPORT 7:45:03 PM**

- a. **Rick Smith** gave an update on snow removal and salt usage so far this winter. Last year there was a total 45 inches of snow fall measured in Sandy, this year there are 38 inches to date. He reported that last year 10,270 tons of salt were used thus far, this year 7,200 tons have been used. Public works is about \$56,000 over their \$198,000 budget so far this year. He said that they will solve the budget problem in the spring.

Scott Cowdell suggested allocating some money to Public Works from the Council Contingency fund.

Stephen Smith asked Phil Glenn to determine the remaining amount in the Council Contingency fund.

12. **COUNCIL OFFICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT 7:49:57 PM**

- a. **Phil Glenn** handed out a reminder for the neighborhood meeting being held January 7, 2009 at the Senior Center regarding the Alta Canyon Community Center.
- b. He reminded the Council of the National League of Cities Conference in March in Washington DC, and also of the Utah League of Cities and Towns Local Officials Day on January 28, 2009.

13. **OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS 7:52:42 PM**

- a. **Chris McCandless** said that he attended some training in Salt Lake City sponsored

- by Salt Lake County. Jackson Kats was a lead speaker talking about gender abuse. He suggested that the City have similar training in the future. [:55:06 PM](#)
- b. **Stephen Smith** asked that the Council members create a list of discussion items they would like talked about in the next 6 months.

At approximately 7:55 p.m., Bryant Anderson made a motion to adjourn Council Meeting, and reconvene into Planning Meeting, motion seconded by Dennis Tenney.

The content of the minutes is not intended, nor are they submitted, as a verbatim transcription of the meeting. These minutes are a brief overview of what occurred at the meeting.

Stephen P. Smith
Council Chairman

Wendy Densley
Council Office Executive Secretary

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